

1969

MINUTES OF THE LOWER SAN PITCH RIVER DISTRIBUTION MEETING

Held at the Courthouse in Manti, Utah  
August 7, 1968 at 1:00 P.M.

Mr. Hubert C. Lambert, State Engineer, opened the meeting with a few general remarks concerning the purpose of the meeting; that being the selecting of a river commissioner, a committee to represent the group, and the adoption of a budget and a basis of assessment. After explaining to the group the importance of a commissioner for regulating the water and gathering records, he turned the meeting over to Donald C. Norseth, Distribution Engineer.

Mr. Norseth read a summary of the meeting held on May 17, 1967, which was the preliminary meeting to organize a distribution system on the Lower San Pitch River.

James G. Olsen stated that he felt our office had not sent out enough notices and requested that when we have any future meetings, a notice be published in the local newspaper. Mr. Norseth informed the group that our office felt we had served proper notice and Mr. Olsen's suggestion of publishing the meeting notice in the newspaper was a good idea and we would do so for future meetings.

Mr. Ben Kjar asked the question, "What is the purpose of this meeting?" Mr. Lambert explained again the purpose of the meeting as Mr. Kjar had arrived after the meeting had started.

Mr. Norseth asked the group what period of time they wanted the commissioner to be on the job. After much discussion, it was decided to appoint a commissioner on a year round basis beginning January 1, 1969.

Mr. Norseth told the group that our office only had one possibility for a commissioner, that being Roger Walker, and asked the group for their recommendations.

After considerable discussion, Mr. Ben Kjar recommended that they appoint a committee to submit a commissioner to the State Engineer for consideration as to

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qualifications. Mr. Lambert suggested that this same committee set up a permanent committee to represent the group at future meetings with the State Engineer.

The committee to select the commissioner and permanent committee for representation is to be contacted by Earl Staker within 10 days for their decision.

The committee is as follows:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>AREA REPRESENTED</u>
Ben Kjar	Drainage District
Neil Nielson	Gunnison
Fred Braithwaite	Sterling
Neil Sorensen	Mayfield
Ned Madsen	Manti
Stanley Price	Price Diversion
Erwin Roberts	Gunnison-Fayette

Mr. Norseth indicated that the next order of business was the adoption of a budget for the year beginning January 1, 1969.

The group decided on the following budget:

Commissioner's Salary	\$2400.00
Matching Social Security	<del>105.00</del> 115.20
Matching State Retirement	<del>96.00</del> 99.00
Bonds & Insurance	25.00
Annual Report	50.00
Travel @ 10¢	700.00
Miscellaneous	<del>124.00</del> 110.80
Total Budget for 1969	\$3500.00

Mr. Norseth explained that the assessment would have to be on an acreage basis for the first couple of years until we can gather enough records to assess on the amount of water used. Mr. Staker will contact the individuals involved to confirm our records for acreage.

The following is a list of the individuals present at the meeting:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
John K. Olsen	Self
Neal Madsen	Self
Vail H. Nielson	Self
Brent Larson	Self
J. Neil Nielson	Gunnison Irrigation Company
J. Keith Malmgren	Gunnison Irrigation Company
Reed Christensen	Twin Lakes Reservoir

1/ January 1, 1969 to June 30 '69 = 0.049% or \$48.00  
July 1, 1969 to December 31 '69 = 0.0425% or \$51.00  
Total \$99.00

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<u>NAME</u>	<u>REPRESENTING</u>
Melvin Hansen	Mayfield, Utah
Lindon Anderson	Sterling Irrigation Company
James G. Olsen	San Pitch River & Bagnall Ditch
Fred L. Braithwaite	North Six-Mile Irrigation Company
Royal Bown	North Six-Mile Irrigation Company
Erwin Roberts, President	Gunnison-Fayette Canal Company
Rendell Hendrickson	Gunnison-Fayette Canal Company
Stanley Price	Price Dam
Richard Christensen	Price Dam
Ben Kjar	Manti, Utah
Leslie Madsen	Self
Richard Jensen	North Six-Mile Irrigation Company
Bruce Bown	North Six-Mile Irrigation Company
Melvin Ramsey	Self
Neil Sorensen	Mayfield Irrigation Company
Frank E. Madsen	Manti, Utah
Hubert C. Lambert	State Engineer
Donald C. Norseth	State Engineer
Earl M. Staker	State Engineer